

channel with each other, similarly as described regarding block 1110 of FIG. 11. At block 1512, apparatus 1501 identifies apparatus 1502 as a companion apparatus, similarly as described regarding block 1112 of FIG. 11. At block 1514, apparatus 1502 identifies apparatus 1501 as a primary apparatus to which apparatus 1502 is a companion apparatus, similarly as described regarding block 1114 of FIG. 11.

[0344] At interaction 1216, apparatus 1502 causes sending of information indicative of an operating environment of apparatus 1502. The sending and the operating environment may be similar as described regarding FIGS. 2A-2B. Consequently, at interaction 1216, apparatus 1501 receives information indicative of an operating environment of apparatus 1502.

[0345] At block 1518, apparatus 1501 determines an interface style mimicry directive is based, at least in part, on the operating environment of apparatus 1502. The determination and the interface style mimicry directive may be similar as described regarding FIGS. 2A-2B, FIGS. 3A-3D, FIGS. 4A-4D, FIGS. 5A-5B, FIGS. 6A-6C, FIGS. 7A-7C, FIGS. 8A-8B, FIGS. 9A-9B, and FIGS. 10A-10C. In at least one example embodiment, the determination of the interface style mimicry directive comprises determining information associated with modification of a native interface style of the operating environment of apparatus 1502 to be similar to the native interface style of the operating environment of apparatus 1501. Such similarity may be governed by one or more stylistic settings.

[0346] At interaction 1520, apparatus 1501 causes sending of the interface style mimicry directive to apparatus 1502 based, at least in part, on the identification of the companion apparatus, similarly as described regarding block 1116 of FIG. 11. At block 1522, apparatus 1501 and apparatus 1502 cause termination of the communication channel, similarly as described regarding block 1118 of FIG. 11. At block 1524, apparatus 1502 performs user interaction in compliance with the interface style mimicry directive, similarly as described regarding block 1120 of FIG. 11.

[0347] FIG. 16 is a flow diagram illustrating activities associated with causation of stylistic mimicry on a companion apparatus according to at least one example embodiment. In at least one example embodiment, there is a set of operations that corresponds the activities of FIG. 16. An apparatus, for example electronic apparatus 10 of FIG. 1, or a portion thereof, may utilize the set of operations. The apparatus may comprise means, including, for example processor 11 of FIG. 1, for performance of such operations. In an example embodiment, an apparatus, for example electronic apparatus 10 of FIG. 1, is transformed by having memory, for example memory 12 of FIG. 1, comprising computer code configured to, working with a processor, for example processor 11 of FIG. 1, cause the apparatus to perform set of operations of FIG. 16. In at least one example embodiment, the apparatus of FIG. 16 relates to a primary apparatus.

[0348] In some circumstances, it may be desirable to base the interface style mimicry directive on the capability of the companion apparatus to mimic the native interface of the primary apparatus. For example, it may be desirable to ascertain the companion apparatus' ability to perform user interaction in conformance with the native interface style of the primary apparatus. In such an example, the primary apparatus may receive information indicative of the interface style mimicry capability of the companion apparatus. The primary apparatus may receive the information indicative of the inter-

face style mimicry capability of the companion apparatus from the companion apparatus, from a companionship facilitation server, and/or the like. In circumstances where the primary apparatus receives the information indicative of the interface style mimicry capability of the companion apparatus from the companionship facilitation server, the companion apparatus may have previously sent information indicative of the interface style mimicry capability of the companion apparatus to the companionship facilitation server.

[0349] In some circumstances, the primary apparatus may have previously received information indicative of the interface style mimicry capability of the companion apparatus. In such circumstances, the primary apparatus may have stored the information indicative of the interface style mimicry capability of the companion apparatus. In such circumstances, the primary apparatus may retrieve, from memory, information indicative of the interface style mimicry capability of the separate apparatus. In some circumstances, the companion apparatus may store information indicative of the interface style mimicry capability of the companion apparatus. In such circumstances, the companion apparatus may retrieve, from memory, the information indicative of the interface style mimicry capability of the companion apparatus.

[0350] In at least one example embodiment, the interface style mimicry capability is based, at least in part, on availability of an interface emulation program. In at least one example embodiment, the interface emulation program relates to a program that allows the companion apparatus to emulate, at least one stylistic aspect, indicated by the interface style mimicry capability.

[0351] At block 1602, the apparatus causes establishment of a communication channel between the apparatus and a separate apparatus, similarly as described regarding block 1202 of FIG. 12. At block 1604, the apparatus identifies the separate apparatus as a companion apparatus, similarly as described regarding block 1204 of FIG. 12. At block 1606, the apparatus receives information indicative of an operating environment of apparatus, similarly as described regarding interaction 1516 of FIG. 15.

[0352] At block 1608, the apparatus receives information indicative of the interface style mimicry capability of the separate apparatus.

[0353] At block 1610, the apparatus determines the interface style mimicry directive based, at least in part, on the native interface style of the operating environment of the separate apparatus and the interface style mimicry capability of the separate apparatus.

[0354] At block 1612, the apparatus causes sending of the interface style mimicry directive to the separate apparatus based, at least in part, on the identification of the companion apparatus. The sending and the interface style mimicry directive may be similar as described regarding FIGS. 2A-2B, FIGS. 3A-3D, FIGS. 4A-4D, FIGS. 5A-5B, FIGS. 6A-6C, FIGS. 7A-7C, FIGS. 8A-8B, FIGS. 9A-9B, and FIGS. 10A-10C. In at least one example embodiment, the sending of the interface style mimicry directive is predicated by the identification of the companion apparatus.

[0355] At block 1614, the apparatus causes termination of the communication channel, similarly as described regarding block 1208 of FIG. 12.

[0356] FIG. 17 is an interaction diagram showing activities associated with interface style mimicry according to at least one example embodiment. In at least one example embodi-